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**Food, Fun,
and Fireworks!**

**Star
Spangled
4th**

**Special
Issue
Water
Quality
Report
2010**

**Monday, July 4
6 to 10 p.m.
Goodyear
Ballpark**

Look what's inside this issue



Food, Fun, and Fireworks! Goodyear's Star Spangled 4th Celebration Monday, July 4 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Join us for Goodyear's Star Spangled 4th Celebration Monday, July 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Goodyear Ballpark. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the evening will conclude with a fireworks display scheduled at 9:15 p.m. Admission and parking are free.



**GOODYEAR
BALLPARK**
AND RECREATIONAL COMPLEX

Enjoy great live music throughout the evening from *Groove Merchants*, one of the Valley's most popular bands, performing rock and Motown music complete with horn section. Have fun in the water or inflatable activity zones. Unlimited-ride wristbands are available for \$10, or three rides for \$5. Plenty of food and beverages will be for sale throughout the ballpark, including hot dogs, burgers, kids' meals, nachos, popcorn, cotton candy, ice cream, lemonade, soda, water, beer, and margaritas.

Don't miss the National Deli hot dog-eating contest at 7:30 p.m. Contestants must sign up at Guest Services by 7 p.m. The number of participants is limited, so arrive early to secure your spot. The second annual Village Inn pie-eating contest will take place at 8:30 p.m. Contestants must be registered by 8 p.m. to participate.

Rent an air-conditioned luxury suite for the evening. Suites feature private indoor seating with televisions, balconies with great views, reserved special parking, and ride wristbands. Food and non-alcoholic beverages for up to 15 people are included in the \$750 rate. Bar service is available at an additional cost. Please call 623-882-3120 for reservations.

Goodyear Ballpark is located off of Estrella Parkway just south of Yuma Road. Parking lots around the ballpark and at Desert Edge High School open at 5 p.m. Free shuttle service is offered between Desert Edge High School and the ballpark.



photo by Dave Finley

Ballpark guests are welcome to bring:

One factory-sealed plastic bottled water per person; single-serving snack items (pre-packaged and factory-sealed only); juice boxes; baby food and formula; small umbrellas; strollers; seat cushions/blankets/towels; small, soft-sided coolers and bags (16"x16"x8" max).

The following are prohibited:

Lawn chairs; large umbrellas; canopies; hard-sided or large coolers; glass, cans, sports bottles, or thermos bottles; alcoholic beverages; skateboards, bicycles, scooters, inline skates, shoe-skates; pets (except for certified service dogs for guests with disabilities); smoking.

For a complete listing of Goodyear Ballpark rules and regulations, visit www.goodyearaz.gov/ballpark. For more information, call 623-882-3120.

Goodyear City Council Runoff Election Results

William "Bill" Stipp won the May 17 runoff election for a four-year term on the City Council. Stipp competed with William Antonucci for the last remaining seat on Council after neither candidate received the 4,612 minimum votes required by the Goodyear City charter to win the March 8 primary election. Councilmember Stipp's term began with the swearing-in during the June 13 Council Meeting.



Councilmember
Bill Stipp

From the Mayor



We've Got the Cure for the Summertime Blues

For many of us, summer days fly by. For others, boredom sets in as soon as school is out and triple digit temperatures drive everyone indoors.

Some neighborhoods have swimming pools and plenty of activities. If these options aren't available in your community, or you need something more to beat the summertime blues, check out Goodyear Parks and Recreation Department for creative alternatives. With summer programs, outings, activities and entertainment, you're sure to find something for everyone.

For the littlest of Goodyear's residents, consider signing up for parent-and-child swim lessons. There are child-and-parent swim classes for babies as young as six months, and more advanced programs like diving and swim teams for four- to 18-year-olds. Water safety and rescue skills can make summertime a safer season. Teens can learn the basics in the Lifeguarding Tomorrow program offered at Goodyear Swimming Pool through the American Red Cross at Loma Linda Park.

Babysitting classes are offered several times this summer for kids between the ages of 10 and 18. These one-day classes are offered at Fire Station 183 near Goodyear Community Park, and teach the basics of feeding, burping, diapering, and pediatric CPR.

For family night, pack a picnic and head to Goodyear Community Park for Dry Heat Comedy Night from 8 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 13. Enjoy clean adult humor with top comedians. It's funny and free!

Adult programs range from Zumba, tribal and belly dancing, to meditative knitting. Enjoy outings for residents age 50+ to the Arizona Science Center, Heard Museum, Bearizona Wildlife Park, or Flagstaff's Riordan Mansion and Arizona Snow Bowl.

You can find these activities and many more in the Summer 2011 Recreation Catalog which was already delivered to you in the April/May INFOCUS. If you no longer have the issue, you can find it online at goodyear.gov/infocus or call Goodyear Parks and Recreation at 623-882-7525.

Enjoy the summer, have fun, and be safe!

Council Corner



A Reason to See Blue

Economically, the sky over the City of Goodyear today is more clear and blue than it was a year ago.

Council's fiscal policies and strong city management have positioned Goodyear well for the economic recovery. With a balanced budget and new prospects for business development in the City, I'm confident our community will continue the forward momentum that will create the right conditions for smart economic growth.

Your Council realizes the sacrifices you have made. Your contribution to help in down times was significant in keeping our City financially healthy.

Speaking of blue skies, as your Maricopa County Clean Air Ambassador, I would like to remind you that as our warming summer days come upon us, we can expect to see an increase in higher, unhealthy ozone issues. A few simple adjustments can truly make a difference. Visit www.goodyearaz.gov for tips, alerts, and information regarding poor air quality and ozone issues.

I believe the sky above Goodyear will be brighter and bluer with its citizens' involvement. Please contact our Council with any thoughts, ideas, or concerns. Your voice and enthusiasm will help us move in the right direction and continue on the path of a high quality of life.

Goodyear City Council



Mayor
Georgia Lord



Vice Mayor
Joe Pizzillo



Joanne
Osborne



Sheri
Lauritano



Wally
Campbell



Gary
Gelzer



Bill
Stipp

Council meetings and work sessions are held at the Justice Center, 185 N. 145th Ave. Visit www.goodyearaz.gov for all public meeting schedules and to watch City Council meetings.

City Council Calendar

Monday, June 20
Work Session – 5 p.m.

Monday, June 27
Regular Meeting – 6 p.m.

Monday, July 11
Regular Meeting – 6 p.m.

City Council Recess
July 19 – August 19

Monday, August 22
Regular Meeting – 6 p.m.

Next Year's Balanced Budget City Manager John F. Fischbach

I am pleased to say the FY11-12 general fund operating budget is balanced, so there is no structural deficit for the first time in three years. Available revenues are projected to cover all ongoing budgeted expenditures. The balancing of the FY11-12 budget reflects the joint efforts of the staff, the Council, and the citizens to preserve existing City services while still reducing costs. If not for the tough choices made in the past, the FY11-12 budget would be very different. Thanks to staff and Council identifying economic issues early on in FY07-08, we worked hard to make cuts when the first signs of a recession emerged. In subsequent years, the City went through a series of significant budget cuts and worked on right-sizing the organization, and Council made the tough choice of raising the sales tax temporarily. This discretionary tax that is paid by both residents and non-residents who shop in Goodyear (residents of nearby cities, spring training visitors, or travelers getting off I-10 for gas, food, or lodging) has played a substantial role in allowing us to balance the budget. However, because weak economic conditions persist and all citizens must shop for groceries, the Council is reducing the portion of the sales tax rate on food for home consumption from 2.5% to 2.25%.

To create this budget, much time was spent matching available resources with the needs of a community that has continued to grow at a rate of 4 to 5 percent a year throughout the recession. General fund revenue projections are showing the first signs of growth in three years and includes the City's increased allocation of State Shared Revenues, resulting from Goodyear's considerable 2010 Census population increase.

While some aspects of the local economy seem to be increasing, our construction sales tax remains quite flat and our assessed valuations and property taxes continue to decrease. Despite the continued weakness in the economy, thanks to the efforts of our residents, Council, and staff over the last few years, we find ourselves in a considerably stronger financial position than other municipalities today. We appreciate your support and patience and will work hard and smart for you in the coming year.

Charges and Deposit Fees for New Utility Customers South of I-10

Deposits on new utility accounts for Goodyear customers with water, sewer, and trash accounts will increase this month to \$200, up from the previous \$100 deposit. The fee increase applies **only** to new accounts for customers living south of Interstate 10 who receive both water and trash services from the City of Goodyear.

Residents living north of I-10 receive water and sewer services from Liberty Water Company, not from the City of Goodyear. These customers, who receive trash collection only from the City, have not been charged a deposit when opening a sanitation account with the City and that policy remains unchanged.

Customers who fall behind on utility bills or other accounts, or move away without paying off their account balances will now be charged an additional 20 percent fee on any debt that is referred to collections. Customers leaving unpaid debts may also be responsible for interest, fees, charges, attorney fees, court costs, and other collection expenses. The City uses a private collection agency in such cases and, before adopting this new procedure, paid collection costs on delinquent accounts. Last year, Goodyear paid more than \$5,400 in collection fees, a cost that was absorbed indirectly by all utility customers in the City.

Changes to deposits and collection fees became effective June 8.



City Manager John Fischbach

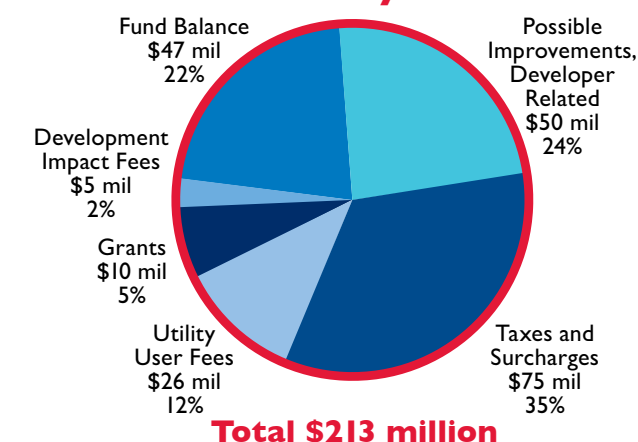


Fiscal Year 2011/12 Budget is Balanced with No Structural Deficit

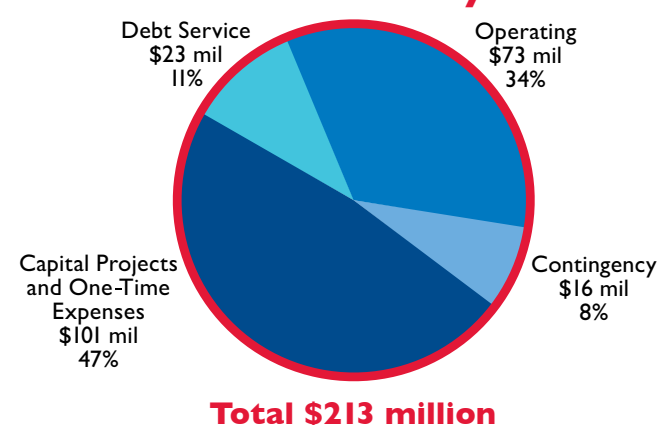
Where the Money Comes From

The City expects to bring in \$100,000 more in General Fund revenues than it plans to spend, so no structural deficit is being anticipated for the first time in three years. Almost a quarter of the \$213 million in total resources budgeted for next year is from left-over fund balances carried over to next year. A third of the Fiscal Year 2011/12 revenue is being contributed by taxes and surcharges, a quarter by development-related activities, and 12% from utility user fees for trash and water/sewer. This will be the first year that the utility fund is fully self-funded and will no longer be subsidized by the General Fund.

Where the Money Comes From



Where the Money Goes



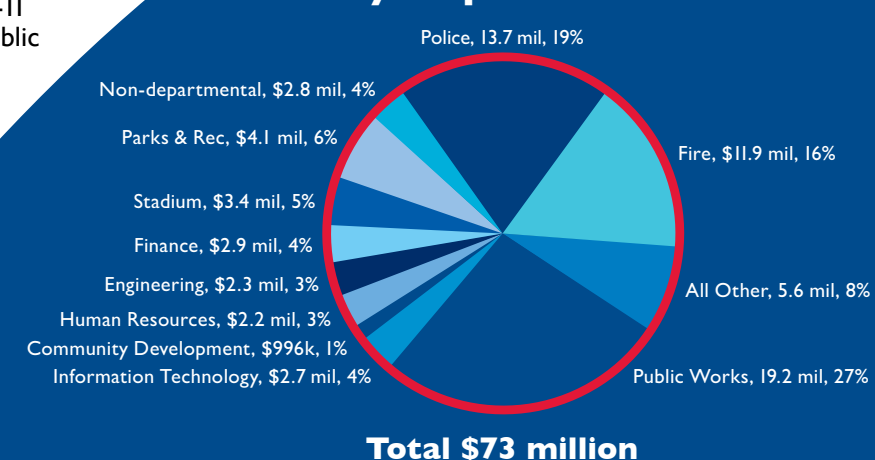
Where the Money Goes

The entire FY2011-12 budget (or planned expenditures) totals approximately \$213 million, which represents a 16% decrease from the current budget. This decrease is mainly attributable to the spending reductions in the \$101 million Capital-and-One-Time- Fund which makes up almost half of the budgeted expenditures (47%). The portion of the fund being spent on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) represents only \$11.7 million, with most of it going for street improvements. While \$24 million of the total budget is required to pay our debt, \$16 million remains in the "rainy day fund" for contingency uses as determined by Council.

Operating Expenditures

The operating budget totals \$73 million, which represents a 3% increase from the FY10-11 budget which is currently \$71 million. Public Safety represents 35% of the operating expenses and Public Works 27%. Parks and Recreation together with the Ballpark make up 11% of the total \$73 million.

Operating Expenditures by Department



Water Safety Tips Simple Steps Save Lives

1. Stay close. Stay alert. Always watch children in and near the pool.

- Always keep your eyes on your child when he or she is in or near water.
- During gatherings or parties with family or friends, designate an adult whose job it is to keep their EYES ON children in or near water.
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings where they could become trapped.
- Keep a phone close by when you or your family uses a pool or spa.
- If a child is missing, check the pool or spa FIRST.

2. Learn and practice water safety skills.

- Learn to swim.
- Teach your child to swim or sign your child up for a swimming class.
- Learn CPR for children and adults; practice often.
- Visit www.goodyearaz.gov/rec for swim classes and aquatic activities in Goodyear.
- Learn life-saving basics so you can help if there is a pool emergency.

3. Have the right gear on hand near the pool or spa.

- Fencing – Install a four-foot or taller fence around the pool and spa. Use self-closing and self-latching gates. Ask your neighbors to do the same for their pools.
- Spa covers – Install and use a lockable safety cover on your spa.
- Alarms – Install alarms on all doors and windows that open on to the pool area. Always use them. Use pool and gate alarms so you'll know whenever children go near the water. Consider using a surface wave or underwater alarm.
- Safe drains – Make sure every pool and spa you use has safe drain covers that will not trap a child or adult. Check with a pool service provider or the pool manager if you're not sure.

Find more tips for pool and spa owners at www.poolsafely.gov.

Goodyear Water Customers Have Three Months to Appeal Sewer Rate

If you live south of I-10, you are a Goodyear water customer.

Goodyear bases its estimate of your household's monthly sewer usage upon your household's average monthly water consumption during the winter – typically the lowest water usage months of the year. The average monthly water usage during January, February and March becomes your Winter Quarter Average (WQA).

Each May, your sewer bill is adjusted based on that average. The average is the maximum you will be charged monthly for the next 12 months – from May 2011 through April 2012. If any month's water consumption is lower than your WQA, your sewer bill will be calculated using the lower sewer usage that month. However, if your monthly water consumption is higher than your WQA, your sewer usage will still be based on the WQA and could save you money.

The City will only consider a rate adjustment if your monthly water usage is over the minimum monthly usage for your household size based on the chart below which assumes an average of 80 gallons of water per person, per day. You have until August 31 to file for an adjustment.

# of Occupants	Gallons Per Day (gpd)	Minimum Use
1	80 gpd x 30 days =	2,400 gpm
2	160 gpd x 30 days =	4,800 gpm
3	240 gpd x 30 days =	7,200 gpm
4	320 gpd x 30 days =	9,600 gpm
5	400 gpd x 30 days =	12,000 gpm
6	480 gpd x 30 days =	14,400 gpm
7	560 gpd x 30 days =	16,800 gpm

**For questions,
call
623-932-3015**

A Sewer Fee Adjustment Self-Audit Form is available at www.goodyearaz.gov or at City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Mail the completed form to: City of Goodyear, Attn: Sewer Rate Appeal, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., Goodyear, AZ 85338. The City will mail you a decision within 30 business days. For more information, call 623-932-3015.

City of Goodyear Water Quality Report 2010



Continuing Our Commitment to Water Quality to Our Customers South of I-10

Goodyear residents north of I-10 receive water from Liberty Water Company (formerly known as LPSCo) and receive a Water Quality Report from them.

The City of Goodyear is proud to present its annual water quality report. This edition covers all testing completed from January 1 through December 31, 2010.

We have dedicated ourselves to producing and providing quality drinking water that meets or exceeds all regulatory requirements for our customers south of I-10. We are pleased to inform you that our compliance with all state and federal drinking water regulations continues to remain exemplary.

Last year, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Arizona drinking water health standards. The City of Goodyear vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and once again is proud to report that our system has not violated a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) or any other water quality standard. Although many more contaminants were tested and all were under the MCL, it is important that you know exactly what was detected and how much of the substance was present in the water.

Please see the chart on the next page which shows all test results for 2010.

The City of Goodyear Public Water System is in compliance for a sanitary survey performed in 2010. A sanitary survey is an on-site review of a public water system's water source, facilities, equipment, operation, and maintenance. Surveys point out sanitary deficiencies and assess a system's capability to supply safe drinking water. A federally mandated review, sanitary survey lowers the risk of waterborne disease and identifies systems that require technical or capacity development. Eight areas are evaluated for compliance: water sources; treatment; distribution systems; finished water storage; pumps, pump facilities and controls; monitoring, reporting and data verification; water system management and operations; and operator compliance with state requirements.

We are continually striving to adopt new and innovative improvement methods for delivering the best quality drinking water to your tap in the most cost-effective manner. As new challenges arise, we will remain vigilant in meeting the challenges of providing quality drinking water at an affordable price, protecting source water, conserving treated water, and educating the community, while continuing to serve the needs of all the water customers of the City of Goodyear.

For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, call the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

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2010 Water Sampling Results

City of Goodyear
PWS #07-094

Liberty Water (LPSCo)
PWS #07-046

regulated substance	units	MCL	MCLG	detected	low	high	detected	low	high	violation	major sources in drinking water
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Disinfectants and Disinfectant By-Products

Chlorine (as Cl2)	ppm	mrdl=4	mrdlg=4	1.69	0.1	1.69	no data	no data	no data	no	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acid (HAA5)	ppb	60	n/a	5.0	n/d	5	3.4	2.5	3.4	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Trihalomethane (total)	ppb	80	n/a	49	2.8	49	15.2	11.2	15.2	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganics

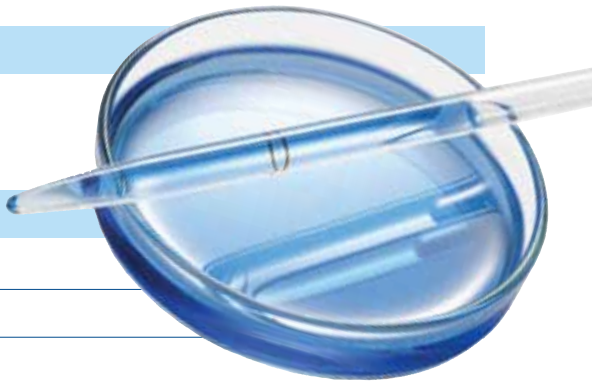
Arsenic	ppb	10	0	9.5	2.2	9.5	9.4	3.1	9.4	no	Erosion of natural deposits; runoffs from orchards; runoffs from glass and electronics production wastes
Nitrate	ppm	10	10	9.7	2.8	9.7	10.1	3.45	10.1	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Barium	ppm	2	2	0.1	0.026	0.14	0.7	0.05	0.7	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (optional)	ppm			170	67	170	202	0.95	202	no	Erosion of natural deposits; leaching
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	0.53	0.18	0.53	1.07	0.37	1.07	no	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive to promote strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Selenium	ppm	50	50	n/d	n/d	n/d	36	2.1	36	no	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Chromium	ppm	100	100	14.0	4.3	14	11	5	11	no	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits

Microbiological

Total Coliforms	% positive samples	5% positive monthly samples	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	no	Naturally present in the environment
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Volatile Organics

Trichloroethylene	ppb	5	0	1.3	n/d	1.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
Xylenes	ppm	10	10	0.0052	n/d	0.0052	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	Discharge from petroleum refineries; discharge from chemical factories
Ethylbenzene	ppb	700	700	0.84	n/d	0.84	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	Discharge from petroleum refineries



Lead and Copper - City of Goodyear 2010

substance	units	action level	MCLG	amt. detected 90th percentile	homes above action level	violation	typical source
Copper	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.21	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	ppb	15	0	<1	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits

Lead and Copper - Liberty Water 2010

substance	units	action level	MCLG	amt. detected 90th percentile	homes above action level	violation	typical source
Copper	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.3	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	ppb	15	0	4	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits

n/a: not applicable

n/d: not detected

Action Level:

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level):

The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal):

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level):

The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal):

The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

ppb (parts per billion):

One part substance per billion parts water (or micrograms per liter).

ppm (parts per million):

One part substance per million parts water (or milligrams per liter).

Contact Us

For more information about this report, or for any questions relating to your drinking water, please contact Linda Shapcott, Environmental Compliance Supervisor, at 623-932-3010.

Para la ayuda en español con este informe, por favor póngase en contacto con el departamento de la dirección de agua de la Ciudad de Goodyear, Ruben Veloz en 623-882-7511.

City of Goodyear
Public Works Department
P.O. Box 5100
Goodyear, AZ 85338

For more information about contaminants and health effects, call the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.



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Important Health Information

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Goodyear is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The Source of Your Water

The City of Goodyear's drinking water source is 100% groundwater. The City has production wells, storage facilities, and pressure booster stations. The underground aquifer from which the City receives its water is called the West Salt Valley Sub-Basin. The City of Goodyear also purchases groundwater from Liberty Water Company, which draws from the same West Salt Valley Sub-Basin aquifer.

The aquifer's depth ranges from 100 to 1,000 feet from the surface. With nine well sites (four of which include storage tanks) and five booster stations, Goodyear's operating system has a storage capacity of 11.1 million gallons.

To learn more about our watershed on the internet, go to the U.S. EPA's Surf Your Watershed at www.epa.gov/surf.



Help Desert Dan Hold Down Maximum Use

As summer temperatures rise, so does water use. In the summer of 2009, the City's average daily water deliveries were more than 10 million gallons on 25 separate days. Last summer, with residents' help, the highest average daily water delivery was 9.9 million gallons. That relatively small decrease saved enough water to serve 610 families for an entire year.

Why It Matters

Everyone expects to have as much water as they want, whenever they want it. It's the City's job to build and maintain a water system large enough to deliver that water, even when demands are highest. We use half as much water during the winter as we do in the summer, but the City must still build systems big enough to handle the days when demands are highest. By holding down maximum use, City water customers can help Goodyear put off building new, expensive systems to supply, treat, and distribute water.

Water supplies are becoming more expensive and competition for this scarce resource will keep costs rising. When you avoid using that extra gallon of water when demand is highest, the City can avoid paying for more costly water.

Holding down maximum use also keeps operating costs under control so water rate increases can be kept to a minimum. The total cost to pump, treat, and deliver water ranges from about 0.3 cents to more than 0.8 cents per gallon. Customers pay the same price for a gallon of water, whether it's delivered in January or July. Like electricity suppliers, the City uses its least expensive resources whenever it can. As demand rises, the City must get water from supplies that cost more to treat. Holding down maximum use helps keep down the number of expensive gallons of water the City needs to buy and deliver.

Avoid Overwatering

Nothing kills more local plants than overwatering. Replacing dead plants is expensive, and can be easily avoided. Summer watering can quickly push your water use into a higher rate tier, and you'll end up paying more for every extra gallon used. City water customers pay \$1.32 per thousand gallons for the first 6,000 gallons per month. If summer watering pushes usage over 30,000 gallons per month, the customer will pay an extra \$5.15 for every additional thousand gallons. Savings from avoiding overwatering add up quickly.

Bermuda grass needs water every two or three days at the height of summer. You'll know it's time to turn on the sprinklers when the grass turns grayish blue and doesn't spring back after being stepped on. That's when it's time to water deeply. Use the equivalent of 3/4-inch of water caught in a rain gauge, like the ones the City gives to customers upon request. That amount of watering should wet the roots thoroughly down to 6 to 10 inches below the surface.

This will keep the roots of your lawn moist. Musty smells, puddles, mushy soil, and algae or mushrooms, are sure signs the Bermuda grass is being overwatered.

Native plants thrive on natural rainfall. Most cactus plants need water only when their pads begin to look like pancakes. Agave leaves should stand straight like swords, and need to be watered when the leaves begin to droop.

To learn more and save money, check out the watering guidelines on the back of your monthly utility bill or visit www.goodyearaz.gov/h2o365.



Kids Help Desert Dan Save Water

More than 800 fourth-graders from 10 local schools gathered at Goodyear Ballpark and participated in a Water Festival. Students learned about ground water, watersheds, the water cycle, and water conservation through hands-on investigations and activities. Student volunteers from Desert Edge High School helped the youngsters with lessons about how the water cycle works and how much energy it takes to move water. Specially trained adult volunteers helped the fourth-graders model how ground water moves and how water behaves in a watershed.

The City of Avondale and Liberty Water joined the City of Goodyear in coordinating this special kickoff event for the 2011 Hold Down Maximum Use campaign. To help the students get started saving water, each youngster took home a rain gauge so they could keep an eye on rainfall during monsoon season and know when it's time to stop watering their yards.

Smoke Alarm Walk

Nearly two dozen volunteers teamed up with Goodyear Fire Ladder 181 for a special Smoke Alarm Neighborhood Walk.

Dual sensor fire alarms were donated by The Foundation for Burns and Trauma. More than 100 smoke alarms were installed, and the batteries of 21 smoke alarms were replaced after being carefully checked by the volunteers. The smoke alarm teams visited 264 homes in person, offering to check and/or replace smoke alarms and batteries in Goodyear's North Subdivision. No one was home at 116 homes, and 44 declined the offer.

Special thanks go out to the following volunteers and employees who helped make the smoke alarm event a great success: Paul Lorenz and family, Les Jorgensen, Karl Weber and daughter, P.J. Miller, Keith Tanner, Sam Debus, Gina Enders-Stenner, Othell Newbill, Interim Fire Chief Paul Luizzi and family, Renee Brookshire, Oscar Navarro, and five Estrella Foothills High School Fire Science students. From Ladder 181: Adam Stoffel, Todd McMurry, Lora Davis, and Robert Williams.

Chick-fil-A donated coupons for sandwiches. Water and refreshments for the volunteers were donated by Farmers Insurance agent Paul Lorenz. 🍷

Graffiti Buster Program

The City of Goodyear has launched a Citywide volunteer program, partnering with residents to restore neighborhood pride, one brush stroke at a time.

Graffiti affects all of us, residents and businesses alike. When a tagging occurs, it is a sign of gang activity and crime, and getting rid of it can have a huge impact on the neighborhood. A graffiti-free neighborhood instills a sense of pride in the residents, and helps create a safer and more attractive community.

Assistance is available for neighborhoods and homeowners associations interested in participating in the Goodyear Graffiti Buster Program. Matching paint, supplies, and equipment will be provided.

Volunteers are needed to help eliminate graffiti and assist with reporting, documenting, and removing the tagging. Please call Neighborhood Services at 623-882-7812 for more information. 🍷

Make a Clean Air Plan

Along with hot temperatures, summertime also brings ground level ozone pollution, which is tough on your lungs and a real deal breaker when planning outdoor activities. Ground level ozone is formed by a chemical reaction that needs heat from sunlight, nitrogen oxides, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to form.

Make a plan to avoid exposure to these dangerous pollutants.

- Be air aware – Sign up for high pollution advisory and health watch notices at www.CleanAirMakeMore.com.
- Take action – Incorporate small, simple pollution prevention actions into your every day routine.
- When pollution levels rise, avoid strenuous activities outside.
- Do your best to avoid adding to the pollution mix.

With your help, we can all make more clean air. 🍷

Ozone Pollution Prevention Tips

- Skip the drive-thru windows at coffee shops, fast-food restaurants or banks. Park your car instead, and go inside.
- Cut back on driving: car pool, use public transit or telecommute. For information on transportation alternatives, visit Valley Metro: www.valleymetro.org.
- Fuel your vehicle after dark when temperatures are cooler.
- Be sure household cleaners, garage and yard chemicals, and other solvents are properly sealed so harmful vapors don't evaporate into the air.
- Unplug unused appliances.
- Use solar lighting or timers for your outdoor lights.
- Learn more about air pollution at www.CleanAirMakeMore.com



**GRAFFITI BUSTER
PROGRAM**

Goodyear Police Partners with OffenderWatch

Goodyear Police has partnered with OffenderWatch to help keep local residents in the know whenever a sex offender moves into the area, as required by Arizona law. With this online tool, police are able to keep information as up to date as possible, while also providing an additional web resource for our citizens.

The OffenderWatch program was purchased in 2010 by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. Goodyear Police saw an opportunity to join OffenderWatch and streamline the sex offender notification process from the Sheriff's Office, as well as provide a speedier method of notifying the community. With OffenderWatch, Goodyear Police is notified immediately of a sex offender's intention to move within the city limits. This online notification is a much faster method than traditional notice by mail. If community notification is required, OffenderWatch handles the mailings.

For information on OffenderWatch, visit www.goodyearaz.gov/police and click on the OffenderWatch icon at the bottom of the page. 🍷

Food Bank Donations Sought

Hunger never takes a holiday, and those in need can still turn to a local food bank during tough times this summer.



All Faith Community Services Food Bank at Open Arms Center was established in collaboration with the Goodyear Faith Community Roundtable to meet the needs of Goodyear residents. The food bank is located at 918 S. Litchfield Rd., and is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday.

With children home from school, families in need are facing additional challenges this summer. Launching a new food bank at this time of year has many challenges, and non-perishable items are especially welcome. Juice, cereal, canned meats, peanut butter—and most importantly—jelly to make a proper PB&J! Pasta, rice, and canned soups are great for stretching meals and rounding out nutritional values.

Beginning this month, the food bank will also be a Summer Food Service location for children ages 0-18. Meals are served from June 9 through July 29 at 918 S. Litchfield Rd. in Building A. Breakfast is served from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., and lunch is served from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Eligible families can also sign up for back-to-school supplies and backpacks. The goal is to assist as many as 200 children.

To donate food, volunteer your time or talents, or for more information on the services available, contact Cassie at 623-386-3513 or send an e-mail to allfaithcs@aol.com. Take a moment and check out the food bank's website at www.allfaithcs.com. 🍷

Volunteer of the Year PJ Miller with City Manager John Fischbach



Department Most Valuable Volunteers (left to right): Faye Weber, Community Development; Nick Mirza, Finance; PJ Miller, Fire & Police; Pamela Woodard, Police Volunteer Coordinator; Andrew Poole, Human Resources; Chuck Watson, Neighborhood Services



Ballpark Ironman Awardee Terry Bunker, Ballpark Gold Glove Awardee Richard Cabral



Ballpark Coordinator Mark Kimball, Ballpark Rookie of the Year Marvin Jones, Stadium Coordinator Debbie Diveney, Stadium Manager Nathan Torres



Recreation Coach Bob Chapelle, Recreation Coordinator Colleen Martel, Recreation Coach Hector Gamez

Volunteer Appreciation

Goodyear's Fourth Annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration was held in April, honoring the many men, women, and young people who give their time and talents to the City. The event included a thank-you program, drawings for prizes, and a presentation highlighting the fine work and many contributions of our volunteers.

Since July of last year, more than 500 people have served as volunteers, helping out at the ballpark during Spring Training, lending a hand during special events, serving as coaches, becoming members of the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), sitting on committees and commissions, and working in City offices. Many outside organizations team up with the City for special projects, including churches, businesses, schools, and civic groups.

Last year, volunteers saved the City \$419,859 and nearly \$412,575 so far this year. Since the program started in 2007, volunteers have saved the City over \$1 million.

Goodyear's volunteers are dedicated, energetic, crucial members of the City's team. They help make Goodyear the safe, vibrant, engaging place it is to live and work today. 🍷

Playground Equipment Replaced

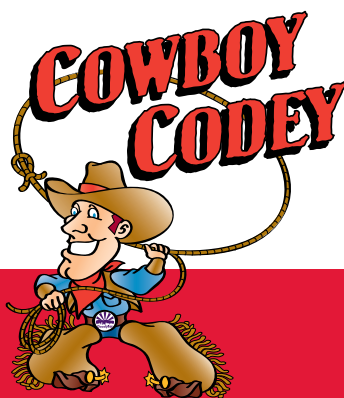
by Fire and Police Charity Foundations

The United Goodyear Firefighters Charities and Goodyear Police Officers Association Charity Foundation donated funds to replace broken playground equipment at Estrella Mountain Preschool. A check from each of the charity groups was presented to the school on January 18, 2011. The playground equipment at Estrella Mountain Preschool was vandalized and destroyed during the holiday vacation when the school was closed. The two charity organizations teamed up and worked together, splitting the cost of replacing the playground equipment. Firefighters from Station 182 visited and showed the fire engine to the children. Fire Department Capt. Tim Studtmann and his wife Kristen Studtmann also pitched in to assemble the equipment.

To make a donation to either charity organization, mail to: The United Goodyear Firefighters Charities, P.O. Box 6072, Goodyear, AZ 85338 or Goodyear Police Officers Association Charity Foundation, P.O. Box 5335, Goodyear, AZ 85338. 📧



United Goodyear Firefighters Charities' Capt. Darrin Green, Pastor Mike Perkinson, Lisa Tucker, and Goodyear Police Officers Association Charity Foundation President Jason Costello.



Let's Round Up Those Bandits!

We see them everywhere. They appear overnight on telephone, light and traffic signal poles. They're called bandit signs, and they're not legal in the City of Goodyear. Bandit signs are more than just ugly—they are dangerous. Bandit signs create traffic hazards and put utility workers who work on these poles in harm's way.

It's against the law to put a sign of any kind on utility, light and telephone poles—and that includes yard sale signs. Goodyear Code Compliance Division removes these signs as quickly as possible, and prosecutes anyone found putting them up.

If you see someone putting a bandit sign up in Goodyear, please call the non-emergency police number at 623-932-1220. Help keep Goodyear beautiful and make bandit signs a thing of the past. 📞



Library Events June/July 2011

Summer Reading Program

Through July 30. Check at the library, 250 N. Litchfield Rd., Suite 185, for the exciting details.

Advanced Origami for Teens (ages 12-18)

Monday, June 13 at 1 p.m.
City Hall, Room 117, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.
Mita Desai, a certified Arizona art teacher, will demonstrate various folds. Teens will make a couple of origami pieces with supplies provided. **Registration required.**

Father's Day Story Time

Friday, June 17 at 10 a.m.
City Hall, Room 117, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.
Celebrate with stories and make a super card for dad or someone else special in your life.

Great Little Balloon Company

Friday, June 24 at 10 a.m.
City Hall, Room 117, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.
A Great Little Balloon Company re-tells old classics with children assisting by modeling balloon creations of the story characters. "Three Billy Goats Gruff" and a pirate game are new additions to the fun this year. And, of course, the Grand Canyon Cannon Ball Giant Six Foot Balloon will make an appearance.

Book Discussion Group for Adults

Monday, June 27 and July 25 at 1 p.m.
City Hall, Room 117, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.
Stop by the library to pick up copies of the selections. You're invited to bring your lunch.

Chuck Cheesman

Friday, July 8 at 10 a.m.
City Hall, Room 117, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.
Chuck Cheesman performed in Chicago with Old Town Folk Music and recorded on the Wiggleworms music CDs. In addition to this lively musical program, Chuck brings a collection of musical instruments for children to explore after the show.

Scrapbooking for Teens

Monday, July 11 at 1 p.m.
City Hall, Room 117, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.
Make a mini vacation scrapbook with your favorite travel photos. Please print and bring six to 10 photos that can be cut up. At the program, you will create and assemble a chip board album. **Registration required.**

Around the World with Crafts and Activities (ages 3+ years)

Friday, July 15 at 10 a.m.
City Hall, Room 117, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.
Pack your suitcase as we take you on a trip around the world with fun crafts and other activities.

Contact the library at 602-652-3000 for more details. 📞



Roscoe Dog Park's New Artwork Dedication

Artist Marta Thoma was on hand for the dedication of the new artwork, "Water Source," at Roscoe Dog Park on April 30. The Berkeley-based artist has created two other artworks in Goodyear: "Gila Blue," a shade canopy over the patio of the Goodyear Public Works Administration Building, and a three-dimensional mural near the building entrance.

Solar power is used to light the Roscoe Park artwork, which was inspired by the movement of water and wind. Thoma used recycled coated glass bottles, many of which were donated by local students. The artist said she used the transparent and tinted glass and plastic bottles because they are mass-produced functional objects that are considered trash that would otherwise become landfill.



More than 80 artists responded to the Call-to-Artists for this project. Thoma was chosen by a five-member panel that included a Goodyear Arts and Culture Commissioner, the City's water conservation specialist, and three artists/arts professionals. Thoma earned her Master's in Fine Arts from San Francisco State University. Her work has been exhibited in California, Georgia, Colorado, New York, and Costa Rica. 📍

CERT Graduates 14 City Employees

The City of Goodyear now has 14 employees who are more prepared than ever to handle the unexpected. The class of 14 City employees recently completed the month-long



Community Emergency Response Team program known as C.E.R.T. The training included a three-hour mock disaster drill, as well as information to help neighbors, friends, family, and themselves in the event of a large-scale emergency. The graduating C.E.R.T. class of employees was recognized by Mayor and Council at a recent meeting. The C.E.R.T. program is offered several times throughout the year. It is free and open to the public.

To sign up or learn more about the program, call 623-932-2300, e-mail cert@goodyearaz.gov or visit www.goodyearaz.gov/cert. 📞



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190 N. Litchfield Rd.

623-932-3910

Mayor and City Council:

623-882-7776

Utilities Customer Service:

623-932-3015

Police

Non-emergency: 623-932-1220

Emergency: Call 9-1-1

Fire

Non-emergency: 623-932-2300

Emergency: Call 9-1-1

Justice Center, Council Chambers

185 N. 145th Ave.

Court: 623-882-7200

Council (City Clerk):

623-882-7830

Engineering, Building Safety, Planning & Zoning

195 N. 145th Ave.

Engineering: 623-882-3110

Building Safety: 623-932-3004

Planning & Zoning: 623-932-3005

Goodyear Branch Library

250 N. Litchfield Rd., Suite 185

Maricopa County Libraries:

602-652-3000

Parks and Recreation

3075 N. Litchfield Rd.

(in Fire Station 183)

623-882-7525

Goodyear Ballpark and Recreational Complex

1933 S. Ballpark Way

Operations: 623-882-3120

Tickets: 623-882-3130

Economic Development 623-932-3025

Volunteer Program 623-882-7807

Public Works

4980 S. 157th Ave.

Water, Streets, Sanitation:

623-932-3010

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

(not affiliated with the
City of Goodyear)

PSC Industrial Service:

5150 N. Tom Murray Ave.

Glendale, AZ 85301

602-252-1186

Envirosolve:

2844 W. Broadway Rd.

Phoenix, AZ

602-276-7602



Summertime Fun at the Goodyear Swimming Pool

430 E. Loma Linda Blvd.
(south of Van Buren Street,
east of Litchfield Road)
Pool Office: 623-932-4809
www.goodyearaz.gov/rec



Pass Prices

Open Swim Daily Price: \$1.50 per person
3 yrs and under are free

Open Swim Pass: May 28 – September 5

Individual Pass: \$25 (\$30 non-resident)

Family Pass: \$50 (\$60 non-resident)

Family passes are available for members of the
same household.

Open Swim Hours

May 28 – August 31

Monday – Friday: 1 to 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays: 2 to 8 p.m.

July 4: 2 to 6 p.m.

August 6 – September 4

Saturdays and Sundays only: 2 to 6 p.m.

Labor Day (September 5): 2 to 8 p.m.



Holiday Schedule

Independence Day

Monday, July 4

City Offices Closed

Sanitation Collection: Container
collection service for each zone will
be shifted to one day later than your
normal collection day following Monday,
July 4, Independence Day.

There will be **NO BULK COLLECTION**
service provided on Monday, July 4,
Independence Day. If your designated
day falls on this holiday, your bulk trash
will be collected two weeks later on the
next regular designated pickup day for
your zone.

Visit www.goodyearaz.gov for more
information, or call Goodyear Public
Works Department at 623-932-3010.



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